

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mark Blasdel, on February 3, 2011 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mark Blasdel, Chairman (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Mike Miller, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Alan Hale (R)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Mary McNally (D)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)
Rep. Max Yates (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)

Staff Present: Lisa Adams, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 308, 1/31/2011; HB 333, 1/31/2011; HB 340, 1/31/2011

Executive Action: HB 305

HEARING ON HB 340**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:23 Rep. Dick Barrett (D), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 340, Require reappraisal of certain property annually.

EXHIBIT(tah27a01)

00:01:43 Rep. McClafferty arrived.

00:11:41 Rep. O'Neil arrived.

00:23:19 Rep. Hale left.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:04 Alan Peura, Deputy Director (DOR)

EXHIBIT(tah27a02)

00:31:55 Rep. Hale returned.

00:32:00 Chairman Blasdel left.

00:35:34 Rep. Fitzpatrick left.

00:37:31 Chairman Blasdel returned.

00:38:59 Rep. Fitzpatrick returned.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:40:45 Cindy Swank, self

EXHIBIT(tah27a03)

00:47:09 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

00:51:17 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Taxpayer's Association

00:52:28 David Fetveit, MAR

00:52:29 Rep. Phillips left.

00:53:28 Rep. Phillips returned.

00:54:32 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Association

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:55:47 Rep. Phillips

00:55:53 Rep. Barrett

00:55:59 Rep. Phillips

00:56:28 Rep. Barrett

00:56:32 Rep. Phillips

00:56:41 Rep. Barrett

00:57:28 Rep. Phillips

00:57:45 Rep. Hale left.

01:01:43 Vice Chairman Miller left.

00:57:55 Rep. Barrett

00:58:28 Rep. Knudsen left.

00:59:08 Rep. Phillips

00:59:31 Rep. Barrett

00:59:43 Vice Chairman Miller returned.

01:00:19 Rep. Hale returned.

01:00:48 Rep. Phillips

01:01:02 Ms. Rolf

01:01:50	Rep. Malek
01:02:00	Mr. Peura, DOR
01:02:25	Rep. Malek
01:02:32	Rep. Phillips left.
01:02:34	Rep. Knudsen returned.
01:02:36	Mr. Peura
01:04:17	Rep. Malek
01:04:25	Mr. Peura
01:05:22	Rep. Malek
01:05:56	Mr. Peura
01:07:44	Rep. Malek
01:08:00	Rep. Randall
01:08:30	Mr. Peura
01:10:36	Rep. Hoven
01:11:11	Mr. Peura
01:11:28	Rep. Hoven
01:12:20	Mr. Peura
01:13:11	Rep. Hoven
01:13:16	Mr. Peura
01:13:27	Rep. Hoven
01:14:27	Mr. Peura
01:15:55	Rep. Hoven
01:16:21	Mr. Peura
01:16:26	Rep. Hoven
01:16:38	Mr. Peura
01:17:28	Rep. Hoven
01:17:37	Mr. Peura
01:18:27	Rep. Hoven
01:18:39	Mr. Peura
01:18:53	Rep. Hoven
01:19:53	Mr. Peura
01:20:15	Vice Chairman Miller left.
01:21:31	Rep. Randall returned.
01:24:03	Rep. Taylor
01:24:19	Mr. Peura
01:24:27	Rep. Taylor
01:24:37	Mr. Peura
01:24:43	Rep. Taylor
01:25:01	Mr. Peura
01:25:32	Rep. Taylor
01:26:07	Mr. Peura
01:26:41	Rep. Taylor
01:26:53	Mr. Peura
01:27:35	Rep. Taylor
01:28:03	Mr. Peura
01:28:39	Rep. Taylor
01:29:06	Mr. Peura
01:29:34	Rep. McNally
01:29:53	Mr. Peura
01:30:18	Rep. Williams

01:31:05 Mr. Roberts, MAR
01:33:30 Rep. Williams
01:33:42 Rep. Taylor left.
01:33:49 Mr. Peura
01:35:50 Rep. Hoven
01:36:03 Vice Chairman Miller left.
01:36:55 Mr. Peura
01:37:18 Vice Chairman Miller returned.
01:37:44 Rep. O'Neil
01:38:03 Rep. Taylor returned.
01:38:31 Mr. Peura
01:38:50 Rep. Fitzpatrick left.

Closing by Sponsor

01:39:14 Rep. Barrett

01:44:31 Rep. Fitzpatrick returned.

HEARING ON HB 333**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:45:27 Rep. Scott Reichner (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 333, Include bank repossessions in property reappraisal comparables.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:51:04 John Sinrud, Government Affairs Director, Northern Montana Association of Realtors (NMAR)
01:53:37 Joe Roberts, MAR
01:54:20 David Fetveit, MAR
01:55:17 Rep. Flynn left.

Opponents' Testimony:

01:55:44 Alan Peura, Deputy Director, DOR

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:00:19 Rep. Barrett
02:01:02 Mr. Peura, DOR
02:01:21 Rep. Flynn returned.
02:02:46 Rep. Barrett
02:03:30 Mr. Sinrud, NMAR
02:04:29 Rep. Barrett
02:05:12 Mr. Sinrud
02:06:25 Rep. Hoven
02:06:42 Rep. Hale left.
02:06:48 Mr. Sinrud
02:07:16 Rep. Hoven
02:07:57 Mr. Peura
02:09:10 Rep. Hoven

02:09:42 Mr. Peura
02:10:10 Rep. Hale returned.
02:10:32 Rep. Hoven
02:10:48 Mr. Peura
02:11:09 Rep. Knudsen
02:11:33 Mr. Peura
02:11:57 Rep. Knudsen
02:12:03 Mr. Peura
02:12:07 Rep. Knudsen
02:12:24 Mr. Peura
02:13:17 Rep. Phillips returned.
02:14:20 Rep. Taylor
02:15:19 Mr. Peura
02:15:56 Rep. Knudsen left.
02:16:21 Rep. Williams
02:17:04 Rep. Hale left.
02:17:08 Rep. Reichner
02:19:11 Rep. Knudsen returned.
02:20:02 Vice Chairman Miller
02:20:35 Mr. Peura
02:20:47 Ms. Monteau Moore, Property Assessment Division, DOR
02:23:31 Rep. Randall left.
02:24:24 Vice Chairman Miller
02:24:53 Ms. Monteau Moore, DOR
02:25:50 Vice Chairman Miller

Closing by Sponsor:

02:26:18 Rep. Reichner

02:26:42 Rep. Randall returned.
02:29:44 Rep. Malek left.

HEARING ON HB 308**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:27:07 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 308, Constitutional amendment for property tax valuation on acquisition value.

EXHIBIT(tah27a04)**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:36:49 Sen. Verdall Jackson
02:36:52 Chairman Bladsel left.

Opponents' Testimony:

02:40:29 Tara Veazey, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)
02:41:48 Joe Roberts, MAR
02:42:09 Rep. Hale returned.
02:44:12 Chairman Bladsel returned.
02:44:30 Rep. Lavin left.
02:46:21 Bill Meyers, Bayside Park and Marine Center, Big Fork, Montana

02:47:28 Rep. Lavin returned.
02:54:37 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Taxpayer's Association
02:55:34 Rep. McClafferty left.
02:56:43 Diane Fladmo, Research Division, Montana Education Association - Montana
Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
02:58:09 Cindy Swank, self
02:59:25 Rep. Fitzpatrick left.
03:00:53 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
[EXHIBIT\(tah27a05\)](#)
03:02:45 Rep. McClafferty returned.
03:03:09 Rep. Fitzpatrick returned.

Informational Testimony:

03:03:23 Alan Peura, Deputy Director, DOR

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:04:09 Rep. Barrett
03:05:16 Mr. Blattie, MACo
03:06:18 Rep. Barrett
03:07:34 Rep. Ingraham
03:09:04 Vice Chairman Miller
03:09:19 Rep. Ingraham
03:09:32 Rep. Williams
03:09:50 Mr. Martin
03:10:51 Rep. Taylor
03:11:32 Mr. Peura, DOR
03:13:04 Rep. Barrett
03:13:56 Rep. Ingraham
03:14:05 Rep. Williams
03:14:40 Rep. Ingraham
03:14:55 Rep. Taylor
03:15:49 Rep. Ingraham

Closing by Sponsor:

03:16:01 Rep. Ingraham

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 305

03:19:56 **Motion:** Rep. Miller moved that **HB 305 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

03:20:24 Rep. Stahl entered.

03:20:39 **Motion:** Rep. Hoven moved that **HB 305 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(tah27a06\)](#)

Discussion:

03:21:27 Mr. Martin
03:22:23 Rep. Phillips
03:22:48 Rep. Hoven

03:22:55 Rep. Barrett
03:25:05 Rep. O'Neil
03:26:42 Rep. McNally
03:27:06 Rep. Hoven
03:27:16 Mr. Martin
03:28:17 Rep. Hoven

03:29:57 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-16 by roll call vote with Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Hoven and Rep. Taylor voting aye. Rep. Malek voted by proxy.

03:30:06 Chairman Blasdel

Discussion:

03:30:50 Rep. Barrett
03:32:34 Vice Chairman Miller
03:33:10 Rep. Fitzpatrick
03:34:00 Rep. Taylor

03:35:00 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-15 by roll call vote with Rep. Blasdel, Rep. Hale, Rep. Lavin and Rep. O'Neil voting aye. Rep. Malek voted by proxy. `

03:35:40 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Blasdel moved that **HB 305 VOTE REVERSED AND BE TABLED** . Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

03:35:59

Adjournment: 12:38pm

Lisa Adams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah27aad.pdf](#))